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Moody's Affirms New Bedford's Bond Rating of A3 & Assigns Highest Short Term Rating to City's Bond Anticipation Notes

City Issues \$7,470,000 Taxable Bond Anticipation Notes and \$3,031,944 Tax Exempt Bond Anticipation Notes, to be dated and delivered on June 15, 2007, and payable on February 15, 2008

New Bedford, Massachusetts- Mayor Scott W. Lang announced today that the City of New Bedford competitively sold \$7,470,000 Taxable Bond Anticipation Notes and \$3,031,944 Tax Exempt Bond Anticipation Notes on Thursday, June 7, 2007.

The City received four bids on its \$7,470,000 Taxable issue at a net interest cost of 5.495%. Proceeds of this issue will be used to reimburse the City for environmental remediation costs at the railroad depot site. Eastern Bank was the successful purchaser of this issue of Notes.

The City received five bids on its \$3,031,944 Tax Exempt issue at a net interest cost of 3.782%. Proceeds of this issue will be used to finance the Keith School Construction project. Roosevelt & Cross was the successful purchaser of this issue of Notes.

Prior to the sale, Moody's Investors Service, Inc. affirmed the City's long-term bond rating of A3 with a stable outlook and assigned its highest short term rating, MIG-1, to each issue of Notes. The MIG-1 short-term rating reflects the city's underlying long-term credit characteristics, a history of demonstrated capital market access and Moody's expectation that the notes will be permanently financed by State Qualified Bonds. The credit report highlighted the City's improved fiscal management, replenishing reserves, increasing fund balances, and tax base growth outpacing that of the state and country, as positive factors affecting the ratings.

Mayor Lang has made a priority to improve New Bedford's financial profile, "Our city's financial team has something to be very proud of. They have worked diligently to put the City of New Bedford's financial affairs in appropriate order. This sustained A3 rating

and stable outlook will save our taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars on both long and short-term bonding. This is a clear sign of financial and governmental stability, which will serve to attract investors and new economic development to our city thus broadening our tax base and supplying further tax relief to our residential taxpayers.”

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